First Member of Council.—

In accordance with a promise given at the last Session, the phoding staff has been strengthened with a view to speed up the work.

Mr. S. Ramappa.—

Will the Government take up the pucca phoding of lands in the order of priority to the katcha phoding?

First Member of Council.—

That is what is being done.

Mr. G. Girimaji Rao.—

Till phoding is completed, will the Government suspend the collection of assessment and refund the amounts already collected?

First Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. K. Chengalaraya Reddy.—

With reference to answer (*a*), may I know the number of lands in respect of which pucca phoding is still pending?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

I want notice.

Mr. K. Chengalaraya Reddy.—

Cannot the Government say approximately in how many years the work could be completed?

Dewan.—

It is not possible to fix a definite time limit in such cases.

MR. K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY (Bowringpet Taluk).—

Q.—19. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether representation has not been made to the Government to give street lights on metre basis to villages which are willing to bear the cost of the lines needed for the installations?

(*b*) Whether final orders have been passed on the subject?

(*c*) If so, how has the matter been disposed of ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, KRISHNARAJASAGARA AND ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—19. (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Government are of opinion that the scheme will not work satisfactorily.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. P. Subbarama Chetty.—

With reference to answer (*c*), where is the difficulty to give street lights on metre basis ?

Secretary to Government, Krishnarajasagara and Electrical Departments.—

The experiment was tried in two villages in the Kolar District; but the information of Government is that the village panchayets were not managing the business well. Of the 4 lights put up, 3 went out of order and they were not set right at all.

Mr. M. S Linge Gowda.—

Are you sure that all villages will default like that ? Why not try the experiment in a few villages near Bangalore so that it might be watched by the department ?

Secretary to Government, Krishnarajasagara and Electrical Departments.—

That is a different matter. The question relates to places where the experiment was tried. If applications come from other places, they will be considered.

Mr. K. Chengalaraya Reddy.—

If the lights go out of order, why not the department repair them and recover the cost from the panchayets concerned ?

Secretary to Government, Krishnarajasagara and Electrical Departments.—

If the local bodies agree to that arrangement, there will be no objection.

Mr. K. Chengalaraya Reddy.—

Are the Government aware of the disappointment caused to several panchayets by the decision taken by the department in view of the experience of one or two villages ?

Dewan.—

Departmental supervision is necessary in the case of street service lights particularly.

Mr. P. Subbarama Chetty.—

Then why not have departmental supervision and recover the cost from the panchayets ?

First Member of Council.—

The cost will be very high if they take only 4 or 5 lights.

Mr. P. Subbarama Chetty.—

What about the villages which are prepared to take 50 lights for instance ?

First Member of Council.—

Cases like that have not come up.

Mr. P. Subbarama Chetty.—

Will not the question of departmental responsibility arise then ?

First Member of Council.—

In such cases, the department will take the full responsibility for maintaining the lights efficiently.

MR. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Bowringpet Taluk).—

Q.—20. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Whether the Government have provided in the current year's budget for the construction of the tank at Ragimakalahalli near Budikote in Bowringpet Taluk ?

(*b*) Has the proposal to construct the tank come to the notice of the Government or not ?

(*c*) Have not the raiyats of this village executed the *mutchalikas*, agreeing to pay Rs. 200 as acreage contribution ?